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- 1. COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES IN CUBA HAVE PLANNED AN UPRISING TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 30 AUGUST AND 2 SEPTEMBER 1962. THE FRENTE ANTICOMUNISTA DE LIBERACION (FAL) HAS JOINED THE MOVIMIENTO REVOLUCIONARIO DEL PUEBLO MRP IN THIS PLAN. VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE OLD CONSTITUTIONAL ARMY, THE REBEL ARMY, AND THE NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY MILITIA WILL JOIN IN THE UPRISING. UNITED STATES PRESS SERVICES WILL BE ASKED TO GIVE FULL PUBLICITY TO THE UPRISING AS SOON AS IT STARTS.
- 2. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT FIDEL CASTRO HAS HAD TO BRING IN POREIGN. TROOPS BECAUSE OF THE CONFLICTS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THE REBEL ARMY AND THE MILITIA. MANY MEMBERS OF THE REBEL ARMY ARE DIS AFFECTED AND CONCERNED ABOUT THE ARRIVAL OF SOVIET-BLOC TROOPS. THE ONLY REBEL ARRY UNIT WHICH CAN BE

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CONSIDERED FULLY IN SUFFORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA IS DIVISION 50 OF ORIENTS PROVINCE (B/F-4). THIS DIVISION HAS 5,000 MEM, BUT EQUIPMENT FOR 10,000.

- 3. THERE ARE 300 MEN IN DIVISION 50 WHO WILL SUPPORT THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES, BUT SINCE THIS IS NOT SUFFICIENT, THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES INTEND TO PUBLISH THE EXACT POSITIONS OF ELEMENTS OF DIVISION 50 SO THAT THESE UNITS MAY BE ATTACKED FROM THE AIR.
- INFORMATION ALSO REPORTED THAT A GENERAL UPRISING IN ALL OF THE PROVINCES

 OF CUBA WAS SCHEDULED FOR 4:00 A.M. ON 31 AUGUST 1962. THE AIRLINE EXECUTIVE

 WAS TOLD BY NATIONAL COORDINATORS OF THE UNIDAD REVOLUCIONARIA (UR) IN CUBA

 THAT DESPITE A REQUEST BY THE UR IN EXILE THAT THERE BE A DELAY IN THE DATE

 FOR SUCH AN UPRISING, THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY MEMBERS IN CUBA ARE OF THE

 OPINION THAT BECAUSE SO MANY PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DELAY

 THE DATE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE TIGHTENING OF SECURITY CONTROLS BY THE

 GOVERNMENT OF CUBA. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: AN OFFICIAL

 PORTED THAT A MEMBER OF THE UR IN CUBA SAID ON 30 AUGUST THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE

 TO AVOID AN UPRISING AND EVEN LESS POSSIBLE FOR THE UR TO MAINTAIN CONTROL.)
- 5. <u>FIELD COMMENT</u>: A BONA FIDE POPULAR UPRISING POES NOT APPEAR LIKELY AT THIS TIME. INVESTIGATION OF THE REPORTS CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE UPRISING LEADS TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE INFORMATION MAY BOT BE ACCURATE AND THAT IT MAY REFLECT G-2 DECEPTION OR PROVOCATION. ALL IMPORMATION ON THE

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